

State Water Resources Control Board

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(Via email and Certified Mail)
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT THE EL CENTRO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,
1415 ROSS AVENUE, EL CENTRO**

Dear Mr. Kari:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on December 5, 2018, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Tank Information – In CERS, under tank description, tank manufacturer list unknown. Additionally, the date the UST system was installed lists January 1, 1900.	Tank 1	December 5, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
2	Failure to Meet Monthly Designated Operator (DO) Inspections Requirements – The DO monthly report dated October 15, 2018, was not recorded on the new form entitled “Designated Underground Storage Tank Operator Visual Inspection Report.”	All	November 1, 2018	November 1, 2018	23 CCR 2716(c)

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3	Failure to Maintain Facility Information – In CERS, under financial responsibility mechanisms, self-insurance lists “yes”; however, it should list “no.” Insurance should list “yes.” Additionally, under tank operator, Valley Petroleum Equipment is listed; however, El Centro Regional Medical Center should be listed as the operator.	All	December 5, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
4	Failure to Tag Monitoring Equipment – A current monitor certification tag was not affixed to both Veeder-Root monitoring systems and the sensors located in each tank turbine/piping sump.	All	December 5, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2638(f)
5	Failure to Continuously Monitor Emergency Generator Double-Walled Pressurized Piping – Failure to install a functional line leak detector with the ability to detect a 3 gph leak.	Tank 2	October 14, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2636(f)(5)
6	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor (L-6) located inside the transition sump is unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because the sensor is not in a vertical position.	Tank 2	December 5, 2018	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Imperial CUPA - Department of Toxic Substances Control within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your DO make specific notations in the next monthly DO report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly DO report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Douglas McDevitt
 UST Enforcement Unit
 Office of Enforcement
 State Water Resources Control Board
 801 K Street, Suite 2300
 Sacramento, California 95814
douglas.mcdevitt@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA

Mr. Robert Krug
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 Department of Toxic Substances Control
 Imperial County CUPA
 627 Wake Avenue
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5891, or by email at matthew.buffleben@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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